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**In the claims:**

5 6. (Amended) The camera with a focus retaining mechanism according to claim 1, wherein the retaining member is arc-shaped with an inner side and an outer side, and wherein the ratchet side and the smooth side are located on the inner side and the outer side.

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9. (Amended) A lens retaining device capable of positioning a focusing lens, comprising:

a base having a cylindrical lens barrel vertically formed at the center part of the base for  
15 accommodating the focusing lens;

a retaining member rotatably mounted on periphery of the lens barrel for controlling the position of the focusing lens in the lens barrel, the retaining member comprising a ratchet side;

20 a first driving device for urging the retaining member to rotate in a first direction;

a second driving device for providing a urging force for the retaining member to rotate in a second direction, wherein the first direction is a  
25 reverse direction of the second direction; and

a retaining hook for positioning and engaging with the retaining member when the retaining member rotates to a predetermined position in the first direction so as to resist the urging force  
30 provided by the second driving device that makes the retaining member rotate in the second direction.

10. (Amended) The lens retaining device according to claim 9, wherein the ratchet side has a plurality of ratchets thereof, and wherein the plurality of ratchets provide a plurality of positioning status for the focusing lens.

12. (Amended) The lens retaining device according to claim 10, wherein the retaining member is arc-shaped, and the ratchet side is disposed on one side of the retaining member, and wherein the ratchet side comprises a first end and a second end.

14. (Amended) The lens retaining device according to claim 12, wherein the a smooth side is disposed on the other side of the retaining member, and when the vertical end of the retaining hook slides along the ratchet side passing the second end, the vertical end slides to the smooth side and the second driving device urges the retaining member to rotate in the second direction.